

Listing of Claims

1. (Cancelled)
2. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus for communicating using a communication channel comprising:
a configurable communication server capable of handling a communication with the communication channel by virtue of being capable of accessing information regarding the communication, wherein
the configurable communication server is capable of handling the
communication by virtue of being capable of
receiving the communication from the communication channel and
sending the communication to the communication channel.
3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein
the communication is a command issued to the communication channel; and
the being capable of accessing the information comprises being capable of accessing
information regarding the command.
4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein
the communication is an event received from the communication channel; and
the being capable of accessing the information comprises being capable of accessing
information regarding the event.
5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 4 further comprising:
a database comprising an event record, wherein the event record comprises the
information regarding the event.
6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein
the configurable communication server is configured by performing one of adding the
event record to the database, modifying the event record in the database, and
deleting the event record from the database.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5 further comprising:
at least one event handler;
and wherein
the event record comprises a name of one event handler of the at least one event handler
for handling the event; and
the configurable communication server uses the one event handler named in the event
record for handling the event.
8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein
the database further comprises an event response record associated with the event record;
and
the configurable communication server is further capable of performing an event
response by virtue of being capable of determining the event response by
accessing the event response record associated with the event record.
9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein
the information regarding the event further comprises information regarding an event
response to the event; and
the configurable communication server is further capable of performing the event
response.
10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein
the configurable communication server is capable of being coupled to a channel driver;
and
the channel driver is coupled to the communication channel such that the channel driver
performs the communication with the communication channel.
11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein
the configurable communication server is coupled to the channel driver such that the
configurable communication server receives an event from the communication
channel via the channel driver.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 2 further comprising:
a user interface comprising a user interface object capable of providing a notification of
the communication, wherein the communication corresponds to receiving an
event from the communication channel.
13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 2 further comprising:
a user interface comprising a user interface object capable of being activated, wherein the
configurable communication server is capable of sending a communication to the
communication channel when the user interface object is activated.
14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein:
the configurable communication server is being capable of sending the communication
~~further comprises by virtue of~~ being capable of issuing a command to the
communication channel.
15. (Previously Presented) A method for communicating comprising:
receiving an event from a communication channel;
determining an event response by accessing information regarding the event; and
performing the event response.
16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein
the determining the event response comprises accessing a database to determine the event
response.
17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein
the performing the event response comprises providing a notification of the event via a
user interface.
18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 further comprising:
receiving an activation of a user interface object of a user interface, the user interface
object being associated with a command; and
issuing the command to the communication channel.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 further comprising:
 receiving an activation of a user interface object of a user interface, the user interface
 object being associated with an event; and
 receiving the event from the communication channel.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for communicating comprising:
~~communicating with~~ receiving a communication from a communication channel;
 determining a response to the communication by accessing information regarding the
 communication communicating; and
 performing the response.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:
 a storage system capable of storing computer instructions and data;
 a processing system capable of communicating using a communication channel
 comprising:
 a configurable communication server capable of handling a communication with the
 communication channel by virtue of being capable of accessing information
 regarding the communication, wherein
 the configurable communication server is capable of handling the
 communication by virtue of being capable of
 receiving the communication from the communication channel, and
 sending the communication via the communication channel;
 and wherein
 the computer instructions and data correspond to the configurable communication server.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 21 wherein
 the communication is a command issued to the communication channel; and
 the being capable of accessing the information comprises being capable of accessing
 information regarding the command.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 21 wherein
 the communication is an event received from the communication channel; and
 the being capable of accessing the information comprises being capable of accessing

information regarding the event.

24. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 23 wherein the storage system further comprises:

a database comprising an event record, wherein the event record comprises the information regarding the event.

25. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 24 wherein the configurable communication server is configured by performing one of adding the event record to the database, modifying the event record in the database, and deleting the event record from the database.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 24 wherein the processing system further comprises:

at least one event handler;

and wherein

the event record comprises a name of one event handler of the at least one event handler for handling the event;

the configurable communication server uses the one event handler named in the event record for handling the event; and

the computer instructions and data further correspond to the at least one event handler.

27. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 24 wherein the information regarding the event further comprises information regarding an event response to the event; and

the configurable communication server is further capable of performing the event response.

28. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 24 wherein the database further comprises an event response record associated with the event record; and

the configurable communication server is further capable of performing an event response by virtue of being capable of determining the event response by

accessing the event response record associated with the event record.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 21 wherein the configurable communication server is capable of being coupled to a channel driver; and

wherein the channel driver is coupled to the communication channel such that the channel driver performs the communication with the communication channel.

30. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 28 wherein the configurable communication server is coupled to the channel driver such that the configurable communication server receives an event from the communication channel via the channel driver.

31. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 21 further comprising: a user interface comprising a user interface object capable of providing a notification of the communication, wherein the communication corresponds to receiving an event from the communication channel; and the computer instructions and data further correspond to the user interface.

32. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 21 further comprising: a user interface comprising a user interface object capable of being activated, wherein the configurable communication server is capable of sending a communication to the communication channel when the user interface object is activated; and the computer instructions and data further correspond to the user interface.

33. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 32 wherein the configurable communication server is being capable of sending the communication by virtue of further comprises being capable of issuing a command to the communication channel.

34. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for communicating comprising:
a configurable communication server comprising:

code that is capable of handling a communication with the communication channel,

wherein

the code is capable of handling the communication by virtue of being capable

of

receiving the communication from the communication channel and

sending the communication via the communication channel;

code that accesses information regarding the communication;

and

a computer-readable medium that stores the configurable communication server.

35. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 34 wherein
the communication is a command issued to the communication channel; and
the code that accesses the information further comprises code that accesses information
regarding the command.

36. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 34 wherein
the communication is an event received from the communication channel; and
the code that accesses the information comprises code that accesses information
regarding the event.

37. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 36 further
comprising:

a database comprising an event record, wherein the event record comprises the
information regarding the event; and

wherein the computer-readable medium stores the database.

38. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 37 wherein
the configurable communication server further comprises code that performs one of
adding the event record to the database, modifying the event record in the
database, and deleting the event record from the database.

39. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 37 further comprising:

at least one event handler;

and wherein

the event record comprises a name of one event handler of the at least one event handler for handling the event;

the configurable communication server comprises code that uses the one event handler named in the event record for handling the event; and

the computer-readable medium further stores the at least one event handler.

40. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 37 wherein

the database further comprises an event response record associated with the event record;

and

the configurable communication server is further capable of performing an event response by virtue of being capable of determining the event response by accessing the event response record associated with the event record.

41. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 34 wherein

the information regarding the event further comprises information regarding an event response to the event; and

the configurable communication server further comprises code that performs the event response.

42. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 34 wherein

the configurable communication server further comprises code that capable of being coupled to a channel driver; and

the channel driver is coupled to the communication channel such that the channel driver performs the communication with the communication channel.

43. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 42 wherein

the configurable communication server is coupled to the channel driver such that the configurable communication server receives an event from the communication channel via the channel driver.

44. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 34 further comprising:

a user interface comprising a user interface object capable of providing a notification of the communication, wherein the communication corresponds to receiving an event from the communication channel;

and wherein

the computer-readable medium further stores the user interface.

45. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 34 further comprising:

a user interface comprising a user interface object capable of being activated, wherein the configurable communication server further comprises code that is capable of sending a communication to the communication channel when the user interface object is activated; and
the computer-readable medium further stores the user interface.

46. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 45 wherein the code that is capable of sending the communication further comprises code that is capable of issuing a command to the communication channel.

47. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium ~~signal embodied in a carrier wave~~ comprising:

instructions to perform the method of claim 15.

48. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium ~~signal embodied in a carrier wave~~ comprising:

~~data produced by performing~~ instructions to perform the method of claim ~~15~~ 20.

49. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

means for receiving an event from a communication channel;

means for determining an event response by accessing information regarding the event;

and

means for performing the event response.

50. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49 wherein the means for determining the event response comprises means for accessing a database to determine the event response.

51. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49 wherein the means for performing the event response comprises means for providing a notification of the event via a user interface.

52. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49 further comprising:
means for receiving an activation of a user interface object of a user interface, the user interface object being associated with a command; and
means for issuing the command to the communication channel.

53. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49 further comprising:
means for receiving an activation of a user interface object of a user interface, the user interface object being associated with an event; and
means for receiving the event from the communication channel.